

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 307

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jones Caldwell Hine and commend his meritorious service to this country.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, many brave and courageous Tennesseans answered the call and fought for freedom from tyranny around the globe, serving as an inspiration to their fellow Americans from coast to coast; and

WHEREAS, one such courageous Tennessean was the late Jones Caldwell Hine, who ably served as a United States Merchant Marine during World War II; and

WHEREAS, he was born in Boone, North Carolina in 1910, but called Johnson City, Tennessee, home; and

WHEREAS, part of this Nation's "Greatest Generation" and proud to serve his country, Jones Hine worked diligently as a fireman/watertender aboard the SS William Hooper; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1942, his ship was torpedoed by a German bomber and later sunk by German Submarine U-334; Mr. Hine and many of his fellow merchant marines fell victim to the attack and were lost in the chilling waters of the Arctic Ocean; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the stories of people like Jones Caldwell Hine are often lost in history; however, this legislative body takes pride in honoring the memory of our fallen military members; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of the members of our armed forces, both past and present, should not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hine served his country with great courage and gallantry, and his bravery and fortitude are wholly deserving of proper recognition; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that this General Assembly should honor and pay respectful tribute to the memory of this American patriot and beloved son of the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of Jones Caldwell Hine, commending his valuable service during World War II and reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.